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# Officials say probe of Pastora attack faulty

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SAN JOSE, Costa Rica - Costa Rican authorities admitted this week that they mishandled the investigation into the bombing two weeks ago of a press conference held by a Nicaraguan rebel leader, Eden Pastora. Four persons were killed in the blast.

It will be "very difficult" for local or international police to catch the bomber anytime soon. Public Security Minister Angel Edmundo Solano, the country's highest law-enforcement official, said in an interview.

"No one has any idea where he is," said the minister, who could not even rule out that he might still be in Costa Rica or elsewhere in Central America.

Authorities last week said the investigation was focusing on a man who was at the press conference and who represented himself as Per Anker Hansen, a Danish assistant on a Swedish film crew. Hansen, a Copenhagen resident whose passport was reported stolen in 1980, was in Denmark at the time of the bombing.

Costa Rican investigators said last week they believed the impostor was Jose Miguel Lujua Gorostiola, a member of the Basque separatist group ETA.

Francisco Ruiz, a spokesman for one police agency, the Judicial Investigations Office, said this week that suspicions about Gorostiola had been rejected by Interpol, the international police organization, days before the Basque's picture was splashed all over the newspapers here, leaked by a Costa Rican political intelligence unit. Acknowledging "many irregularities" in the coordination between different Costa Rican agencies, Ruiz said police are moving to "cool out" the press by withholding further updates.

In addition, French police publicly ruled out Gorostiola's participation, saying he had been in regular contact with them this year under a political asylum agreement.

Ruiz said this week that specialists are "70 percent sure" that the impostor was a Spaniard. But Solano said a "stronger hypothesis" is that the bomber is Mideastern, possibly Libyan or Turkish.

Solano said the bomber had "all the time and tranquility in the world to escape. Costa Rica's security system is folkloric," he said. "We don't have any discipline."

The minister noted that his police failed to close off the jungle hospital where the wounded - and the impostor - were first evacuated after the bombing. He said a rural judge erred in allowing a Swedish television producer, Peter Torbjornson, who unwittingly allowed the bomber to accompany his crew for a month, to leave Costa Rica last Saturday. Torbjornson, with both eardrums ruptured by the explosion, went to Sweden for medical care.

Though the bomber's actions in Costa Rica have been closely charted, police concede they moved too slowly to find a single fingerprint for him.

In the final toll, four persons were killed, including an American reporter, Linda Frazier, 38, and 23 were injured. Investigators are certain that the man who identified himself as Hansen was traveling on a false passport, and that he planted and detonated the bomb.

The man being sought by US, Spanish and even Israeli intelligence wore three chains, including a black crucifix, around his neck, according to investigators. A Bolivian photographer who traveled with him in Costa Rica, Luis Fernando Prado, 22, described him as "the calmest guy in the world." After setting off the blast that temporarily paralyzed Prado's legs with shrapnel cuts, the suspect went to console him in the hospital saying, "Don't worry. I'm sure you're going to be fine."

Meanwhile, Pastora, interviewed by a Costa Rican radio station in his hospital bed in Venezuela, said he will press on with his

fight and will not ally with CIA-backed anti-Sandinista guerrillas fighting from Honduras unless they purge commanders once linked to the former Nicaraguan dictator, Anastasio Somoza. Pas-

tora called the fatal press conference to announce his break with members of his own organization, known by its Spanish acronym ARDE, who were determined to forge the alliance.